

Focus on Fifth

Weekly News for Holmes Fifth-Grade Families

News and Events in the 5th Grade

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Important Dates:

May 23 - 5M presents *Hamlet*

May 24 - 5L presents *Twelfth Night*

May 26 - 5C presents *Macbeth*

May 27 - 5F presents *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

May 30 - Memorial Day - no school

May 31 - Million Dollar Project due

June 3 - Book Swap

June 6 - Aquatic field trip

June 7 - Fifth Grade Completion Ceremony

June 8 - Olympic Day/Last day of school

News:

Aquatic Field Trip

Our field trip to Rehm Pool is scheduled for Monday, June 6th. We will travel by bus to and from the pool. We will depart from Holmes at 12:15 and plan to return around 2:30. Upon arrival, pool staff will conduct a health and safety talk as well as swim test with students to gauge their swimming ability.

Curriculum Connection

During the field trip, students will engage in different math and science related activities, including collecting and analyzing data related to exercise and heart rate, and determining the volume of the pool.

Items to Bring

Students are responsible for their own belongings, so they should not bring cell phones, toys or any electronic devices with them. The concession stand will not be open, so students should not bring extra money for food.

Students should bring:

Bathing suit

Backpack

Sunscreen

Beach towel

Change of clothing (optional)

Goggles (optional)

Behavior and Academic Expectations

This is a guilders field trip and students must have 400 guilders in order to attend. However, we have emphasized with all students that our expectations regarding behavior and work completion (homework/classwork) have not changed. Significant behavior incidents or a decline in academics may result in loss of privileges (including attendance at the pool trip) regardless of guilders eligibility.

Chaperones

We will also need parents to assist with supervision at the pool. We especially need male chaperones to help monitor the boys' locker room. Please fill out the chaperone information section of the permission slip if you are interested in helping us.

Cost

There is no cost for this field trip, due to the generosity of the Holmes PTO. Please have your child return their permission slip by Wednesday, June 1st.

Olympic Day

Olympic Day will take place on the last day of the school year, **June 8th**. Students will need to bring a completely disposable lunch for Olympic Day. If your child would like to order a sack lunch from Holmes, please talk to your child's homeroom teacher by June 1st.

Olympic Day Volunteers Needed!

Please sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4ca4a62ea0fc1-olympic>

Typing Practice

Students can log on to Typing Training from home to practice keyboarding skills. The Typing Training program is accessible from the District's website, and students should begin practicing keyboarding skills at home. The link is: <http://www.op97.org/technology/Custom-Typing.cfm>

Click here for our 3rd trimester newsletter- [SPECIALS DELIVERY](#)

Art

Weaving, weaving, weaving. Let's rock these out and make a lot of progress this week! Bring any interesting yarns, ribbons, beads, etc. in from home to jazz up your weaving. Check this fiber artist's blog out for inspiration:

[Natalie Miller](#)

~Ms. Jones (kjones@op97.org)

Music

We will be working on our completion ceremony song featuring ukuleles and bucket drums this week. The only assignment students can do at home if they want to is the extra credit recorder assignment (on Google Classroom). The lyrics for the singers will be shared on Google Classroom.

Chorus

The Chorus will be doing a short informal performance on the blacktop during lunch recess on Thursday May 26th at 11:45. If you are interested in coming please sign in to the office first before coming to watch us outside!

[Festival Recordings Link](#)

Spanish

Many 5th graders have decided to take the 100 point challenge. They are reading novels in Spanish and summarizing them. They are amazed at how much they can read. Some students are even starting a second

book!

Library

All library books are due June 3rd! If you've received a lilac colored note from our library, it means your student has an overdue library book. Please return these materials as soon as possible.

We are wrapping up the research project we started several weeks ago. Students have finished taking notes, written a narrative from the point of view of a student in the country they chose, and are creating iMovies. We will be using the CultureGrams database through the OPPL [Homework Help](#) page. While the majority of the project will be done in the library, students may wish to access the databases at home or interview a parent, family member, or friend about the country they are researching. To access the database, students will need an OPPL card and PIN. Don't forget to email me with any questions! mmaneck@op97.org

Physical Education

April 15th is our Annual Student vs. Staff Basketball Game. April also brings about our Dance Unit. The kids will be moving to different tunes while they boogie down to our p.e. School district Xbox 360 system. The dance unit will go on for the entire month of April.

Reading/Literature

This week, we will be continuing with our third trimester ELA Unit, titled "Change and Identity." Throughout this unit, students have been focusing on the following question, especially in relation to their transition to middle school: *What factors shape who you are as an individual and your role within society?* We will wrap up the school year with a novel study around the book *Schooled* by Gordon Korman. Korman's novel is about Capricorn Cap Anderson who has been homeschooled by his hippie grandmother Rain. But, when Rain is injured in a fall, Cap is forced to attend the local middle school, where he tries to navigate through this drastic change and remain true to himself. Throughout this novel study, students will be thinking about how a narrator's or speaker's point of view influences how events are described. (RL.5.6)

Please make sure there is a parent or guardian checking, and initialing, students' reading logs each night!

Writing

Fifth graders are wrapping up their argumentative essays this week, based on the following topics: chocolate milk, bottled water, pets in classrooms, and sports.

Math

This week, students will be working on naming coordinate pairs and plotting ordered pairs on a coordinate grid. There will be a short assessment on Friday covering both 2-dimensional geometry (classifying quadrilaterals) and coordinate geometry. Million Dollar projects are due on Tuesday, May 31. The project consists of a short presentation and a completed spreadsheet documenting how much was spent in each of the designated categories.

Science

Students will not have science this week due to the Shakespeare performances.

Social Studies

Students will not have Social Studies this week.

Word Study

We have finished with our word study for the school year. Students will continue to build on their word study skills in class during our Daily 5 routine.

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